

LARGE HOTEL
DESTROYEDHotel Memphremagog at
Newport Burned

A GREAT LOSS TO TOWN

Fire Fighters Were Powerless to Save
the Property, But They Did Succeed
in Preventing the Spread of the
Flames Beyond.

Newport, May 16.—The Memphremagog house, the largest hotel in northern Vermont and popular summer hostelry, was burned yesterday afternoon, fire breaking out at half past three o'clock. The loss is set at \$35,000 on which there was an insurance of \$11,000.

The flames were fanned by a high east wind and by the time the fire department arrived it was impossible to save the structure. The firemen fought the fire from the veranda of the house until the position became unsafe and then they retreated to the street, and from this point did the best they could, but to no avail. Help was summoned from Sherbrooke and an engine was sent by special train. The train took just an hour to cover the 40 miles.

The Memphremagog was one of the landmarks of the village. It was a wooden structure and located on the land of the Boston & Maine railroad. George F. Goode who has run a summer hotel for many years was the owner. The hotel did a large summer business, having 300 rooms. Nearly all of the furniture was saved belonging to Mr. Goode, O. R. Moulton and son, D. R. Stetson and Richard Hurst.

Lieut. Governor Prouty, a resident of this place immediately took charge of the fire fighters. The water from the hydrants was soon found to be inadequate and a lake water was then forced into the mains. After a time the efforts were turned toward saving the adjoining property, in which they were successful. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been a spark from a locomotive.

ALEX JONDRO

Has Been Ill Over a Year With Stomach
Trouble.

Alexander Jondro, aged 65 years, died this morning at eight o'clock at the home of his son, Charles, at 3 Roydon street. He had been ill with stomach trouble for a year and a half. The deceased was born in Sharon and leaves four sisters and two brothers. The funeral arrangements are not completed.

James Duncan Renominated

Milford, Mass., May 16.—The granite cutters' union held a meeting last evening to vote for choice for national secretary and there was no opposition to the present incumbent, James Duncan of Quincy.

GRANITEVILLE.

To rent. A tenement in Graniteville on the Williamstown road. Apply to Chas. Barclay on the premises.

EAST BARRE.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leonard.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Lancaster county, Pa., has twenty-one Presbyterian churches, and at least three of the congregations are almost 200 years old.

Dr. Emanuel Schreiber has been unanimously re-elected for a period of three years rabbi of Emanuel congregation of Chicago.

Dr. Francis E. Clark of the Christian Endeavor society is visiting the West Indies, Panama and South American republics in the interest of that organization.

The Rev. A. K. Balrd, D. D., who spent several years as synodical missionary of Montana after similar service in Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas, has accepted the position of pastor at large for Helena presbytery.

Dr. George E. Stokes, at one time a member of the northwest Indiana conference, will take charge of a portion of the work of Dr. Edward M. Taylor, field secretary for New England of the board of foreign missions, until Dr. Taylor's health will permit him to resume his duties.

LAW POINTS.

The constitutionality of a statute prohibiting the sale of railroad tickets through brokers is sustained in State versus Thompson (Ore.), 4 L. R. A. (N. S.), 480.

A telegram to a bidder for public work, "You are low bidder; come on morning train" is held, in Cedar Rapids Lumber company versus Fisher (Ia.), 4 L. R. A. (N. S.), 177, not to conclude a contract with him.

Conviction of the offense of carrying concealed weapons is held, in McCannety versus the State (Colo.), 4 L. R. A. (N. S.), 538, not to be necessary to work a forfeiture or a punishment for such offense and providing that all concealed weapons taken from persons violating the statute shall be forfeited to the county.

A DRAMATIC SCENE
WHEN REUF PLEADEDSaid He Was Guilty of Having Con-
vinced at Corruption in San
Francisco Affairs

San Francisco, May 16.—Abraham Reuf acknowledged advisor of Mayor Schmitz, and once the recognized dictator of municipal affairs in San Francisco, pleaded guilty yesterday to the charge of extortion in Judge Dunne's department of the superior court. Sentence will be pronounced on him two weeks hence. After a conference with his four attorneys in Judge Dunne's private chambers yesterday afternoon and after they had withdrawn from his case because of his resolve to change his plea and avoid trial, Reuf, to the utter astonishment of the prosecution, arose in court and announced in a dramatic address that after long and earnest consideration he determined to withdraw his plea of not guilty and to enter a plea of guilty. He then asked that the jury be dismissed and the trial abandoned.

Reuf was several times all but overcome by emotion. When he reached the final words of his address: "I desire to withdraw my plea of not guilty and enter the contrary plea," his voice sank to a whisper. But so tense was the silence that it reached the farthest corners of the room.

Though Reuf has formally declared himself to be guilty of the charge on which he was about to be tried, he nevertheless proclaims his innocence. He confesses that he is guilty of having conspired at corruption in municipal affairs but he denies, with all the emphasis of a man in his unhappy position can command, that he is guilty of the crime of extortion charged against him. He declares that his sole motive in accusing himself in open court was to save the lives of those who are nearest and dearest to him, his aged father and mother, his maiden sister and a niece.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE
BY RUTLAND WOMANMrs. M. B. Brown Had Been An Invalid
For Four Years.—Will Probab-
ly Die.

Rutland, May 16.—Mrs. M. B. Brown, wife of the superintendent of the Rutland Marble company, an invalid for four years, attempted suicide last night by taking several strychnine tablets. Her condition is critical and recovery is not expected. Mrs. Brown, after taking the tablets, told her maid that she had been keeping the tablets for a month, having premeditated killing herself during that time.

MARSHFIELD.

Miss Ethel Kellogg of Lisbon, N. H., is at Dr. H. S. Carver's for the present.

George St. Lawrence recently visited friends in Lancaster, N. H., several days.

Mrs. Mary Hadley, pastor of the Congregational church visited in Cabot recently.

Little Mary Drivell is more comfortable from her severe illness by an uncerated tooth.

Mrs. G. L. Drivell has been confined to her bed since Sunday with a severe stomach trouble.

Mrs. C. E. Dunley and her father, P. F. Whitaker of East Montpelier were visitors in town last Thursday.

Mrs. E. A. Rosbrook was obliged to return to her home from O. C. Pitkin's on account of illness. At this writing Mrs. Rosbrook is reported more comfortable.

Mrs. S. H. Urwin is able to be up and about the house, but is still in a very weak condition. Her sister, Shirley Tucker, is staying with her.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church is invited to meet with Mrs. C. D. Smith, its president, next Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock for the transaction of important business. Let every member bear this in mind and be present.

Miss Stickney, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, visited friends here last week. Miss Stickney is now traveling through New England in the interests of neglected boys of this territory.

Mrs. A. T. Davis and master George, returned from their visit in Rochester last week Friday. Mrs. Davis left her father in a much improved condition. He was very ill with the grippe when she reached him.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Davis gave their daughter, Ruby Esther, a party in honor of her tenth birthday last week Saturday afternoon, inviting the young ladies of her age to help her to celebrate the event. Each left a gift suitable for the occasion, with wishes for many happy returns of the day. Refreshments were served at 5 o'clock by Mrs. Davis.

The Good Templars will have a box social after their regular meeting next Tuesday evening. The gentlemen are requested to bring boxes containing refreshments for two. These will be sold at auction, to the lady bidder paying the highest price, in each case. Any gentleman present without a box, will be fined 10 cents. Everyone is cordially invited to come and participate in this jolly affair.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Bert Benedict of Bethel visited friends in the city today.

Forbes Jackson, son of Frank W. Jackson, met with a serious accident last evening in rather an unusual manner. It seems that he was scuffling with an older companion when he was pushed over backward, falling in such a way that his entire weight came upon his right hand bending both bones in the wrist. The fracture was reduced by Dr. W. D. Reid and his early recovery is expected.

YOUNG MAN
GETS SHOTHenry Carbo Victim of His
Own Hand at Milton

IS A MONTPELIER BOY

Message Came to His Mother This
Morning That He Had Been Shot
and She Went to That Place
Today.

Montpelier, May 16.—Mrs. Ella Carbo received a message this morning from Milton that her son, Henry Carbo, had been shot at that place, and she and another son, George C., left on the morning train for Milton. The message stated that the young man shot himself accidentally.

Carbo is about 21 years of age and was for some time a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph company, learning telegraphy while acting as messenger and then receiving a position as operator. He was sent to Swanton a short time ago and a week ago was transferred to the Milton station.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

John Earl went to Montreal today on a business trip.

Raffello Nardini of Concord, N. H., is in the city on business.

E. M. Tynntor went to Hardwick today on a business trip.

Daniel Emory of Washington was in the city today on business.

George W. French of Bradford visited friends in the city yesterday.

A. Giachino in the Hale hotel sells good bananas at 20 cents a dozen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alger of Chelsea visited friends in the city yesterday.

Joseph and Frank Connolly went to Essex Junction on a fishing expedition.

W. Frank Harris and Nelson Ballard went to Brookfield on a fishing trip today.

Goddard plays the Crescents on the trotting park this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

F. A. Ordway of Chelsea is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl E. Parker.

If you want good, pure ice cream, all flavors, go to A. Giachino's, in the Hale hotel.

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A meeting of the A. O. H. will be held this evening in K. of C. hall at 7:30 o'clock.

R. H. Towne of Haverhill, Mass., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Synthe of South Main street.

Mrs. D. D. Dewey of Moira, N. Y., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. S. Andrews.

Mrs. Looane of East Barre was taken to the Heaton hospital at Montpelier for treatment today.

Mr. and Mrs. Prindle returned from a fishing trip to Watfield today and report an excellent catch of trout.

Theodore Kelly, who is in the navy stationed at Newport, R. I., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. G. Mascott.

Mrs. Clarence Wheaton of Ayers street, who has been quite ill is now on the road to recovery and sits up each day.

Theodore St. Antoine, who has been in the city on business for a few days, returned to his home in Burlington today.

Mrs. Gertrude L. McQuestest, teacher in Emerson college of Oratory will read Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Universalist church, Friday evening, May 24th.

There will be a rehearsal for the ladies of St. Monica's choir immediately after the 7:30 service this evening, and rehearsal for the full choir tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the vestry.

The Hooker Bill Stars defeated the Foster Street team in a game of base ball yesterday by the score of 10 to 9. The batteries were for the victors, T. Davidson, Gibbard Kenefick, for the defeated, Sassi, McKernon and P. Davidson.

The great Irish drama "Daniel O'Connell" will be presented by the Xavia dramatic club of Montpelier in the Blanchard opera house, Montpelier, on Tuesday evening, May 21. A special car will be run to Barre after the performance.

Among the arrivals at the new North-ern last evening were C. J. Crowley, J. F. Roche, Bellows Falls; Angus McDonald, J. Yorkie, R. G. Johnson and Frank Olsen, Proctor; J. A. Ryan, J. H. Farrell, E. Goslyn, Burlington; F. H. Crosby, M. J. Connelly, Ludlow.

The Montpelier Branch of Woman's Auxiliary to the board of missions will hold a district meeting in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Monday, May 20. The session will open at 11 o'clock in the morning and continue during the afternoon and evening. Dinner and supper will be served in the vestry of the church. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to be present.

WE MIGHT PATTERN
AFTER VENEZUELASaid Frank Plumley in His Lecture on
"Venezuela" at the Methodist
Church Last Evening.

At the Methodist church last evening a fair-sized audience enjoyed the lecture given by the Hon. Frank Plumley of Northfield, who spoke on his trip to Venezuela when he went there as an umpire to settle the difficulties between that country and France. He spoke over an hour, and his lecture was not only very interesting but instructive as well. He told particularly of the lives and habits of the natives there as he observed them. He said that the people were generally well educated both intellectually and morally, and had many virtues that the Americans might well try to emulate.

In speaking of the capital city, Caracas, and its dwelling houses he said that the houses were rather forbidding looking from the outside from the fact that they were built solid to the net house and the sidewalks were built right up to the walls of the houses. The streets are just wide enough for two teams to pass. One reason for the narrow streets and the sidewalks so close to the houses, he said, was that the height of the buildings always kept one side of the street shaded from the hot sun. The houses were also cooler from being built together as only two sides were thus exposed to the sun.

In contrast to the forbidding exterior of the houses he said that their interiors were beautiful. All the houses have open parties in the middle of which there are flowers growing and fountains playing. The rooms are elegantly furnished and the people especially delight in having their homes well lighted, both day and night.

How They Deal There.

The speaker said that when he first arrived at Caracas he was met by the Netherlands minister and went to the La Grande hotel, the largest in the city. Here he was made acquainted with a peculiar custom of the country. He was first shown to his room and to his astonishment the only things in it were the bedstead and the springs. After telling the landlord that he would take the room the furniture was then brought in and the wires for electric light were run in. His interpreter then told him he would have to negotiate with the landlord on the price to be paid for the room and board and a sum was finally agreed upon, after the interpreter had bargained with the landlord for about a half hour. It is the custom there for the merchant or business man of any kind to set his first price about ten times what an article is worth and then sit down with the customer and negotiate on a reasonable price.

Good School System.

Venezuela has a good graded school system and universities. The schools are supplied with money from a national fund and it is the custom every year for the government to pick out the best students from the different branches of study, supply them with the money and send them abroad to continue their studies. He said that if an American thought that he could go to Venezuela and teach the people everything he would find that it would be simply an exchange of knowledge as the native there can give as much as they take.

Are Honest People.

Burglary and petit larceny are unknown in that country and the speaker told of an incident in corroboration of this statement that he witnessed in a hotel there one evening when a man with a trunk full of costly pearls put up at the house and brought his trunk into the office and then went back into the room and the trunk was unlocked, pulled out one of the bags of pearls and poured the contents, worth thousands of dollars, onto a table in the office where several customers looked them over and bought what they wanted. The man then scooped the rest back into the bag, threw it into the trunk and went away leaving the trunk unlocked, with no fear that they would be stolen.

The climate is very conducive to malarial fever and the people are constantly troubled by the disease more or less severely, though the physicians know just how to handle the disease to break it up in short order. Another of the Venezuelans he said was their good behavior which is universal throughout all classes of the people.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Caroline Judson, Aged Six, Victim of
a Bonfire.

Underhill, May 16.—Caroline Judson, six years, daughter of Mrs. J. D. Judson, was burned to death yesterday morning here from the effects of severe burns sustained Tuesday while playing around a bonfire with her brother, who is nine. Mrs. Judson and children had but recently come here from Burlington and were to remain in the village until the family was moved to Massachusetts later. Mrs. Judson was hurriedly summoned from Boston but the little girl died before his arrival. The funeral will be held at the home of N. E. Wright.

Specimen Program of Mr. Avis' Lecture.

I Echoes from birdland
a Whistling solo with violin accompaniment
Hark! The Birds are Singing
Kappardaki

b Songs and calls of the robin, song sparrow, reedbed vireo, yellow Warbler
c Wood pewee and the country church organ

d Woodland quartette—wood thrush, Wilson's thrush, brown thrasher and hermit thrush
e Recitation—Selected
f Whistling solo—"The Canary"

g Mocking bird and birds in the woods
II a Whistling solo—Sing, Sweet Bird Gaze
b Violin solo—Mazurka de Concert
Munin

III a Violin novelties
b Whistling solo with violin accompaniment—Bergues—Goddard
c Violin solo—Zigeunerweisen—Sarasate

Mr. Avis will lecture at the Barre opera house Friday evening, May 17.

STATE F. OF A.
CONVENTIONOpened in the Granite City
Court Headquarters

YEARLY REPORTS RECEIVED

The Order Now Has Fourteen Courts
in the State With a Total Mem-
bership of 1,550.—Banquet Comes
Tonight.

The first session of the convention of the grand court of the American Order of Foresters was called together in the Foresters' hall in the Worthen block at 10:30 o'clock this morning by Chief Ranger E. G. Crahan of Bennington. This meeting was taken up with the appointment of different committees by the chief ranger. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the grand court session was opened and the business of the convention was started. There were 23 delegates present this forenoon. The convention will close this evening with a banquet served to the grand court officers and guests by Granite City Court, No. 3, of this city. A preliminary meeting was held in the lodge rooms last evening to complete final arrangements for the convention today.

The total membership of Foresters in the state is 1,550 and there are fourteen courts, all of which are represented at the convention. The committees which were appointed by the chief ranger this morning are as follows: On credentials, J. F. Roche, Frank Walcott, G. E. Johnson on laws, D. McGovern, M. J. Connelly, E. Porro; order of business, J. Yorkie, P. A. Caten, W. McLean; on finance, Brothers Stewart, Taylor and Savage; on press, Brothers McGreevey, Olsen and Card; state of order, Brothers Styhn and Mullen; mileage per diem, W. J. Murphy, C. Davis; goods and effects, G. E. Rock, Wm. Greenwood.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT
OFFICERS ELECTEDW. E. Coombs of Brattleboro is Grand
Patriarch of This Branch of Odd
Fellows of Vermont.

Officers for the grand encampment of Vermont Odd Fellows were elected yesterday afternoon at the Grand Patriarch, W. E. Coombs of Brattleboro, grand high priest, George H. Stearns of St. Johnsbury; grand senior warden, Olin W. Harwood of Bennington; grand scribe, Charles W. Farr of St. Johnsbury; grand treasurer, Lyman J. Brown of Bradford; grand junior warden, A. W. Roel of Brattleboro; representatives to the seven grand encampment, W. P. Horton of Rutland, W. R. Hutchinson of Woodstock.

The newly elected officers were installed by Past Grand Patriarch W. R. Hutchinson of Woodstock assisted by Past Grand High Priest of Rutland. The closing hour of the grand encampment was taken up with remarks by the grand officers present and by past grand patriarchs. No public exercises were held last evening. The degree team from Vermont Lodge of Odd Fellows cooked the first degree in Odd Fellows' hall and the same was witnessed by a large number of visiting delegates.

The grand lodge met today and the reports received told of the general prosperity of the fraternity, there being a total membership of 6,514, a gain of 254 during the year. The financial statement showed the holdings to be \$127,153.73. Balance in the treasury, \$3,735.65.

FLYING GRANITE
HITS QUARRYMENWalter Gliko Sustains Fracture of
Right Leg and Malcolm McKee Gets
a Flesh Wound.

Walter Gliko, a quarryman employed at the Boutwell, Milne & Varian quarry, was taken to the Boston hospital in Montpelier yesterday afternoon suffering from a fractured leg. The injury was caused by his being struck by a piece of granite flying from a blast. Another man, Malcolm McKee, was also hit, but was not hurt except for some flesh wounds.

The men were standing the usual distance away from the blast when one good-sized piece flew toward them, struck another and then broke into fragments. Gliko in the right leg and another pelted McKee. The piece which struck Gliko broke his leg just above the ankle. Gliko was taken to the hospital for treatment.

DEATH OF F. L. HOWE.

Long-time Central Vermont Employee
Dead at Montpelier.

Montpelier, May 16.—F. L. Howe, who for 37 years was Central Vermont station agent here, retiring in 1890, died last night after a long illness with a complication of diseases.

He was born in Royalton in 1820. He was twice married, his second wife, who survives him, being Jennie Field. He leaves a brother, Lyman, of Essex Junction; also a sister, Mrs. D. S. Styles, of the same place, and two other sisters, Mrs. J. W. Robart and Mrs. J. L. us of Montpelier. The deceased came to Montpelier in 1853.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 and the body will be taken to Royalton for burial.

GODDARD BALKS
ON SENDING TEAMWill Not Be Represented at Vermont
Preparatory School Track Meet
At Burlington This Year.

Goddard seminary, interscholastic champion in track athletics through its victory at Burlington last spring, refuses to enter the competition this year unless all the schools competing sign the eligibility rules adopted by the Vermont Schoolmasters' club. This action was taken at a meeting of the Goddard athletic association this forenoon and is the school's response to the invitation extended by the university of Vermont preparatory school league.

Goddard claims that her nearest competitor last year, Troy Conference academy of Poultney, has refused to sign the eligibility rules of the Schoolmasters' club, as has Burr and Burton seminary of Manchester and Middlebury high school. Moreover, the local school claims that the track meet rule that a participant in the meet must be taking five hours a day work in the school here represents is not an adequate requirement. They believe that those requirements ought to include a fifteen hour school work, passing marks in all studies and the student must have been in school during the term before the one in which the meet is held.

These are the eligibility rules adopted by the Schoolmasters' club, and they have since been signed by about thirty Vermont schools, mostly on the east side of the state, however, although Burlington high, St. Johnsbury high, Bellows Falls Free academy and Brimley academy on the west side have signed. Until these rules are adopted for the preparatory school track meet Goddard refuses to send a team to Burlington. The meet is scheduled to come off the latter part of the present month.

WEDDING RECEPTION
AT EAST MONTPELIERMr. and Mrs. George C. McKnight Were
The Guests of Honor Last Evening
—Presented Quatered Oak
Sideboard.

East Montpelier, May 16.—East Montpelier gave its fifth wedding reception during the past four years was held last night when a new bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. George C. McKnight were the guests of honor. All the grooms in the five receptions have been members of the grange and the brides of some of them have also been members. The reception last evening fairly eclipsed previous ones in extent of preparation. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with festoons of evergreen, cut flowers and like things. There were about 135 people in attendance, and until one o'clock this morning the party had a merry time.

The guests of honor were assisted in receiving by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Silbey, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dudley. The early part of the evening was spent in a social way and then Mr. W. Silbey, a new speaker, presented the bride and groom a handsome quatered oak sideboard, his remarks calling forth bursts of laughter. Mr. McKnight responded for himself and wife.

Then the company sat down to a fine supper, consisting of hot rolls, coffee, cherry sauce, various kinds of cake, ice cream, oranges and bananas. This done, the floor was cleared for dancing. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Allen, Mrs. C. F. Dudley and Mrs. G. C. McKnight. Until an early hour this morning the dancing continued, ending an evening of great success. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hammit, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. James Young had general charge of the evening, while Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Silbey and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farnham chose the present. The ushers and introduction committee were as follows: Lyman Clark, Miss Lena Clark, Lyle P. Young, Miss Kate Foster, Will Foster and Miss Kate Wheeler. The bride who was thus honored was Miss Ella Dudley, and her marriage to Mr. McKnight was recently performed.

HOLWAY—CROFT.

Wedding of Interest to Barre People
Performed at Dorchester, Mass.

A quiet wedding in which many Barre people will be interested took place at Dorchester, Mass., last week, when Miss Ada G. Croft became the bride of Archer Croft Holway. It will be of the more interest because of the fact that the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Brian C. Roberts, formerly rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd and now located in Dorchester.

Miss Croft was formerly a teacher of piano in Goddard seminary and also in the city, where she will be pleasantly remembered by many residents. On leaving Barre she went to a school in Mississippi, and for the past year she has been teaching in the Y. W. C. A. in Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Holway are residing in Newton Centre. Mr. Holway is engaged in business in Boston.

SPANISH VETERANS MEET.

Members of Camp Lamson Hold Their
Ninth Anniversary.

The members of Camp Lamson, Spanish American war veterans, are celebrating today their ninth anniversary. The day is being observed with the usual sports at calsonia park and dinner was served at the park pavilion. The important item in the sports is the base ball game played between two picked teams from veterans.

Special Tax Mania.

Editor Daily Times.—It seems that this madness is again having its annual rage. Mayor Robins has already called a city meeting for next Monday evening, May 20th, for the purpose of raising a special tax. This means a tax in addition to the highest possible legal tax rate. This tax rate this year is \$2.70 on every dollar of the grand list. A special tax of, say, 21c, would mean of course \$3 on the dollar. Do our citizens want this high tax? If they should go to the city meeting next Monday evening and vote No.

Citizen.

TROUT BITE
FIERCELYBest Opening Day in Vermont
For Many Years

FULL CREELS GENERALLY

Horace Richardson Got One Weighing
Pound and Six Ounces and Gets a
Prize.—Henry Russ Also a
Prize Winner.

Not for years has the brook trout fishing season opened so well in Vermont as it did yesterday—fifteen days later than usual owing to a change in the state law. The fact that the season opened later was probably largely responsible for the special catches of the speckled beauties. Nearly every artist of the line and rod came in with a creel well filled with fish. The water is still rather high but did not seem to interfere with the fishing to any extent.

The biggest bona fide brook trout to be reported in this city was hooked by Horace Richardson in Roxbury. The fish weighed one pound and six ounces and, presenting it at the store of Reynolds & Son, Mr. Richardson was awarded the prize last night in accord with the usual custom of this firm in giving a prize. The prize was a four-point split bamboo bait rod. A steelhead trout weighing over two pounds was exhibited at the same store by H. W. Boares of Montpelier, caught in the Dog River, but the judges of the contest decided that a steelhead trout could not be included in the competition.

At the store of N. D. Flinn company they offered prizes for the best strings of brook trout, and there were some splendid exhibits. Henry Russ carried off the first prize, a Bristol telescope rod with reel and line, by presenting a creel of 63 as handsome trout as were ever seen. When asked where he got them Russ grinned and replied "somewhere," evidently looking forward to more of the same kind of luck.

James Forbes, with 49 fish, the second prize which was a split bamboo bait rod, and Karl Smith took the third, with 60 trout. His reward was a four-point split bamboo bait rod. The fourth creel was so near that the judges, J. W. Dillon, Fred Bruce and C. C. Carpenter, were doubtful and so the firm gave a special prize to a fourth fisherman. The trout were spread out at the store and admired by a hundred or more people last evening.

The Favorite Fishing Grounds.

The favorite stream in this vicinity was the Stevens' branch between this city and Williamstown, and its banks were lined with men and boys all day long, and it is probable that the greatest catches and the biggest fish on the average were taken from this stream. The Smiling Waters club which controls a strip of land on the stream were out in force and they entertained many friends from Boston and New York. Not one of the fishermen was disappointed, not even "Dick" Hegar, who after getting a creel full, waded boldly into the water after a "big un" which had got the line wound around a snag, lost his balance and then disappeared beneath the water. Only to come up and see Hugh Jones, sitting like an Indian from behind a tree. Sputter! Sputter! Sputter!

Among the successful women anglers was Mrs. Don Camp of South Barre who went out to the stream in front of her house and caught 27 nice trout. Mrs. Charles M. Hart of South Barre and Mrs. J. W. McDonald of this city, in company with Mr. Hart, brought into the city last evening one of the finest strings caught during the day.